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## October Meeting: "SOTA (Summits On The Air)"



(Note: the picture shown may be a slight exaggeration)

by Ryan Kovacs, KK4OSG

# Message from the President

October is finally here—the humidity is gone and the nights are cool. Static crashes will be subsiding on the bands and as soon as the leaves are off the trees it will be antenna season. That's right, time to check those wires in the trees and maybe get up a few more. I've been very happy with my off center fed dipole but I think it's time to put up a couple of mono-banders. Maybe on 20 and 40?

GARS has put two more events in the logs since we last talked. Again we set up beams and radios for the ARRL VHF/UHF contest at Bogan Park. Everything went smoothly for the event and there was a nice turnout but we are quickly learning this contest is tough! While Bogan provided us with a good height above average terrain, a mountain top would certainly help. As would better atmospheric conditions no doubt.

We activated the Abbots Bridge unit of the Chattahooche River National Recreation Area for another National Parks on the Air event, again putting some more calls in the log. We are beginning to get well practiced in doing these portable events. Each event we participate in helps us learn our strengths and shortcomings. I hope those of you who came out enjoyed the activity and those that did not will participate in the future.

There are lots of more events on the GARS calendar for this year and plenty of opportunities to help out and enjoy. This month we participate in the 59<sup>th</sup> Jamboree on the Air for the Boy Scouts of America on October the 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be setting up demo radio stations and getting as many scouts "On the Air" as possible. On that same day we will also offer a HamCram technician license class at the Gwinnett EOC. Details and sign up



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information are available at [www.gars.org](http://www.gars.org).

You will also find information about the 2016 Stone Mountain Hamfest and the NFARL/SEDXC sponsored HamJam on the website. And don't forget, November is our annual "Massive Home-Brew Show and Tell" at the November GARS meeting. You don't want to miss this meeting where you get to show off your latest home brewed project. Hope to see you there!

Thanks and 73,

*Rick Cobb, N4XYY*

**"It is not the class of license the Amateur holds, but the class of the Amateur that holds the license."**

[Author Unknown]



# GARS October Meeting

## SOTA (Summits On the Air)

by Ryan Kovacs, KK4OSG

*Tuesday, October 11, 2016*

*7:00 pm*

**Sports Aviation Complex—Hangar 1  
690 Airport Road  
Lawrenceville, GA 30045**

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2 Meter Repeater  
147.075(+) MHz  
82.5 PL Tone

APRS  
144.390 -- 1200 Baud  
W4GR

D-Star  
WD4STR  
145.060 + (1.4 MHz)  
440.550 + (5 MHz)

2 Meter Repeater  
147.255(+) MHz  
107.2 PL Tone

6 Meter Repeater  
53.110 (-1 MHz)  
No PL tone

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444.525(+) MHz  
82.5 PL Tone  
442.100(+)  
100 PL Tone

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# Member QRZ Pages

For a few months we will be featuring the QRZ page of various members of GARS.

This month we are featuring the QRZ page of :

## **KK4VLR - Allison Sullivan**

When you click on the link below you will find this picture of her.

<http://qrz.com/lookup/KK4VLR>

Read her notes and get to know her better.  
You'll be glad you did.



Here is an excerpt from her page:

Licensed in Nov. 2013, and still excited about learning more about digital modes, emergency communications, and looking for new friends far and near. I am a cowgirl from Wyoming originally, but I have been just "riding herd" on Atlanta traffic for many years. Field Day 2014 fired me up about HF after talking to a cosmonaut in Russia with the help of my great friends in the GARS club in the county where I live - Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society - 2014 Hamvention Club of the Year! (See GARS.org or listen to Echolink node W4GR-R.) I just upgraded to General on Nov. 1st, 2014 and so I am working on building up an HF shack...

Watch for another featured GARS member QRZ page in next month's GARzette!

## News, Press Releases, & General Interest

### **ARRL to Host CHIRP Radio Programming Webinar**

ARRL will host a CHIRP Radio Programming webinar on Wednesday, October 19, at 8 PM ET (0000 UTC on Thursday, October 20, in US time zones). This presentation will offer a brief overview of the free, open-source CHIRP software, which can be used to program most radios.



Attendees will learn: What CHIRP is, which radios are supported, how to get CHIRP, and how to troubleshoot CHIRP. Presenter James Lee, N1DDK, became active in CHIRP development for the initial TYT9800 driver. He is a hardware development engineer for Qualcomm. [Register now!](http://www.arrl.org/news/view/arrl-to-host-chirp-radio-programming-webinar) After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the webinar.

Source: <http://www.arrl.org/news/view/arrl-to-host-chirp-radio-programming-webinar>



# NPOTA Update

## Greg Mann KM4RKT and Gretchen Mann KM4WGA activate the Cape Cod National Seashore (SS03) on September 9

It was a fantastic day to be outdoors and work from the historic Marconi site where he made the first trans Atlantic radio transmission. It was great to hear from the folks back home in Atlanta, out on the west coast and points in between. We were especially excited to get Spain, Portugal, Greece, and an island in the Azores. Special thanks to my wife KM4WGA Gretchen Koehler Mann for helping me setup and log, and also congrats to her for making her first HF contact! HUGE shout out to KK4KHS Mike Smith back home in Atlanta for spotting me and helping me work the frequency changes. Again thanks for all the great chasers for their patience with this first time activator!



## Ruth Willet KM4LAO and Sharon Willet KM4TVU activate multiple NPOTA sites on September 23 and 24 enroute to Michigan

We both activated Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area (RV01) on Sept 23rd., Ruth activated Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historic Site ((HP11) on Sept 24th., and we both activated Fallen Timber Battlefield and Fort Miamis National Historic Site Affiliated Area (AA06) later that day. We were very thankful to Dave (W4DTR) for loaning some of his equipment for the trip, so we could make these fun memories of activating NPOTA together. We are hoping to activate different parks when we bring her home in December.





# NPOTA Update (cont'd)

September 17 GARS NPOTA Activation - 276 QSO'S Total





# GARS Happenings

## ARRL VHF/UHF Contest - Bogan Park, September 10

Thanks to Pam, WB1AKQ, for organizing this event this year!

We had a small group but the fun and participation was fabulous. Got to assemble my log periodical antenna for the second time... (many lessons learned, mainly bring an electric screwdriver the next time!), ran through my growing deployment list again... (always additions), and mainly just had a good time. Thanks for everyone who came out.

Thanks and 73, *Rick*, N4XYY





# GARS Happenings (cont.)

October 1, 2 - Maker Faire





# GARS Happenings (cont.)

October 1 - GARS members in Gwinnett ARES Simulated Emergency Test (SET)





# Beginner's Corner

## Ye Olde Simplex Frequencies

As I was writing this, I have been back only a few hours from an ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) Simulated Emergency Test (SET). We were testing the ability to send and receive digital data via radio. The scenario was that there was a tornado that had gone through downtown Lawrenceville. Damage assessments had been made and we were called upon to relay the assessment data through a control point where it was fed to the Emergency Operation Center (EOC).

We had a couple “fixed” stations. They were in vehicles that stayed put during the exercise. I was one of the mobile stations. We mobile operators moved to several locations and communicated to the fixed stations, using both voice and digital, on simplex frequencies. How refreshing it was to use simplex!

Simplex operation has both advantages and challenges. There are some disadvantages. One was the more limited range. Yet, I was again surprised at just how far a simplex frequency *can* travel. The fixed station that I communicated with was on the top floor of a parking garage, and I traveled from location to location. All my locations were several miles away. I only had problems communicating from one place, and part of the reason was likely that my transmitting location was in a low spot. I was only using five watts on my end, as well. I am sure that if I had used a base station, it would have made a difference.

I recall some other memorable simplex QSOs (contacts). Once I spoke from my home location, using my outdoor antenna, to a friend who was several miles away.

On another occasion, my wife and I were coming home from a trip to Florida. I was monitoring the two meter simplex frequency of 146.520 MHz. All of a sudden a ham radio operator came on and was talking to a nearby friend about this marvelous ten meter opening he had on his HF rig. We followed their conversation for a number of miles. It may have been up to an hour that we were able to monitor their QSO.

The second disadvantage of using simplex is there is no “beep tone” or other indication that your signal is getting out. On a repeater you can hit your transmit button and get some kind of acknowledgement back if your signal gets through to it. With simplex, you have nothing. During this exercise, I was trying to contact my fixed station for several minutes. I thought they were ignoring me. I tried another portable that I had, and that one worked. I looked at the original radio I was using and found out that I had reduced the power from high (5 watts) to “Extra Low”. I had no idea how low the power was at the time, but it wasn't enough for the fixed station to hear me.

The third disadvantage of simplex is that few people use it. This is the only thing about simplex that we as ham radio operators can change. I say let's call a friend, whether by phone or by radio and have him or her meet you on a simplex frequency. That would allow us to use seldom used frequencies. It also gives us a measure of privacy, as well. Oh, and another thing: it's just plain fun to use simplex!

73 de *David Harden*, KJ4CMY





# Net Managers Corner

## Monday Night 2 Meter “Want, Swap, Sell, and Information Net”

### GARS NEEDS MEMBERS TO SERVE AS NET CONTROL STATIONS!

GARS is a great Amateur Radio service club and we have the membership and awards to prove it. Our club is a very busy and active club and we use the Monday night net to get the information out to our members. Weekly participation is needed to make our net function well. There is only a small group of very dedicated people that make the net happen each week, and we need more members to volunteer to serve as Net Control Stations (NCS) on a rotating basis.

Out of almost 300 members, there are only fifteen primary people who serve as NCS for the GARS net every Monday night. In no particular order, they are:

Norm - WA4ZXV	Kyle - W4KDA	Mitch - N0DIM
Ruth - KM4LAO	Hal - W4IGE	Don - KW4AL
Ray - N4GYN	Sandy - KJ4DRO	John - WB4QDX
Bill - KK4AUA	David - KK4KAF	Kevin - KK4WOG
Chuck - KK4TKJ	Mike - KK4KHS	Donna - KM4FMW

As GARS Net Manager (Chuck KK4TKJ), I really need 26 people to fill NCS positions. I do plan and post the schedule months in advance. Any conditions will be accommodated that you as a rotating NCS need to place on the scheduling of your duties. If your plans change, I can make adjustments for the schedule to work, and I will make those changes happen as soon as I am notified of a problem. As Net Manager, I also send out reminders each week to let the NCS scheduled know he or she is NCS for the next Monday night net. In short, serving as a rotating NCS is a small duty but a great contribution to the club. The “Want, Swap, Sell Information Net” begins promptly at 19:30 every Monday night and runs about 45 minutes. As a scheduled NCS, you will request the assistance of a volunteer alternate NCS each time you have Net Control. Your simple duties will be to tune in to the GARS repeater, read the script, take a few notes and forward the information to me for record keeping.

Please lend a hand and contact me at [KK4TKJ@arrl.net](mailto:KK4TKJ@arrl.net). Sign up to help support the effort that makes GARS the great club that it is.

73 and see you on the Nets!

*Chuck McCord*, KK4TKJ

GARS Net Manager



### Don't miss the “KNOW IT ALL” Net Wednesday nights, 8:30-9:30 pm



We have moved to a new format. We begin with current events and announcements. Then we Introduce New Technology. Then we have check-ins and general discussion. Post net is Rag Chew format.

*Jeff*—AB4HF

Everyone is having great fun on this net! Come join us and become a “KNOW IT ALL”.

**TIME: 8:30 every Wednesday evening on the GARS repeater - 2m 147.075 + PL 82.5**



# GARS Membership Page

## New GARS Members in September

**Peter Cole (N3RNX)**  
**David Johnston (KM4UVI)**

**New Members: 2**

**Total Members as of October 1, 2016**  
**- 272-**

**Join us for our weekly  
breakfast gathering at  
7:30 AM most Saturdays**  
  
**at**

**Golden Corral**  
**2155 Riverside Parkway**  
**Lawrenceville, GA 30043**

**([Directions](#))**

**The following members are  
celebrating birthdays  
in October:**

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**  
**From All of Us at GARS**

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**Laurence Andrus (KB4LWT)**  
**Scott Brown (KD4YDD)**  
**Dale Burns (KI4MZO)**  
**Charles Corriveau (K4YDB)**  
**Ken Edwards (WA4SQM)**  
**Bill Eggers (WB2RIS)**  
**Charles Eiland (WA4RVO)**  
**Paul Farley (K5PJF)**  
**Joshua Garcia-barreto (KM4OMX)**  
**Becah Jubon (W3BEC)**  
**Wilfred Kirk (N4WWK)**  
**Daniel Leahr (N8KCM)**  
**Vaden McDonald (NN4K)**  
**Cathy Pierce (K1YMW)**  
**Robert (Bob) Pursley (WD4KQQ)**  
**Cynthia Rush (KM4NKZ)**  
**Allison Sullivan (KK4VLR)**  
**Kent Thompson (W4PBX)**  
**Michael Weathers (ND4V)**

## GARS MEMBERSHIP

Your current GARS membership status is shown in the monthly newsletter e-mail towards the bottom of the message.

To become a GARS member, or to renew your GARS membership, please visit our website—<http://www.gars.org>

To make changes to your GARS membership (moved, new e-mail address, new phone number, etc.), please e-mail the Membership Committee - [membership@gars.org](mailto:membership@gars.org)

You can **renew or update** your Amateur Radio license information with the FCC at their website for free  
<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home>

To update your ARRL information, please visit their website - <http://www.arrl.org>

Membership Chair: Karen Albritton, KI4HPP  
Committee Members: Dave Bruse, W4DTR, Pam Meridy, WB1AKQ

## ARRL CONTESTING INFO

### From ARRL Contest Calendar

>>>> NOTE: For more information click the links <<<<

#### October 2016

- 17-21 [School Club Roundup](#)  
22-23 [EME - 50 to 1296 MHz](#)

#### November 2016

- 5-7 [Nov. Sweepstakes – CW](#)  
19-21 [Nov. Sweepstakes – Phone](#)  
19-20 [EME - 50 to 1296 MHz](#)

#### December 2016

- 2-4 [160 Meter](#)  
10-11 [10 Meter](#)  
18 [Rookie Roundup–CW](#)

#### January 2017

- 1 [Straight Key Night](#)  
7 [Kid's Day](#)  
7-8 [RTTY Roundup](#)  
21-23 **January VHF Sweepstakes**

#### February 2017

- 13-17 [School Club Roundup](#)  
18-19 [International DX - CW](#)

#### March 2017

- 4-5 [International DX - Phone](#)

#### April 2017

- 16 [Rookie Roundup–SSB](#)

### For more information:

<http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>



2017 and 2018 contest dates are now available!

See <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest%20Calendar/ARRL%20Contests%20Calendar%202017-2018b.pdf>



## HAMFEST CALENDAR

### Southeast US

#### 10/15/2016 | [Al Brock Memorial Hamfest/Tailgate](#)

Location: Rome, GA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Northwest Georgia Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://w4vo.org>

#### 10/15/2016 | [Coastal ARS Savannah Swapmeet](#)

Location: Savannah, GA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Coastal Amateur Radio Society

Website: [http://coastalamateurradiosociety.net/wpW4LHSblog/?page\\_id=383](http://coastalamateurradiosociety.net/wpW4LHSblog/?page_id=383)

#### 11/05/2016 | [Georgia State Convention \(Stone Mountain Hamfest\)](#)

Location: Lawrenceville, GA

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Alford Memorial Radio Club

Website: <http://www.stonemountainhamfest.com>

#### 11/19/2016 | [Alabama State Convention \(MARC Hamfest 2016\)](#)

Location: Montgomery, AL

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Montgomery Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/alabama-state-convention-marc-hamfest-2016>

#### 01/14/2017 | [TechFest 2017](#)

Location: Lawrenceville, GA

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://www.techfest.info>

### For more information:

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar>





## G A R S Officers and Committee Chairs

# BSA Venture Crew 73 Wants You!

## Venture Crew 73 is for you.

If you are between 14 and 21 years old, enjoy outdoor activities, and have an interest in radio technology

- Venture Crews are part of the Boy Scouts of America.
- *Venture crew 73 is chartered by the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society.*
- Venture crew 73 is coed.
- *Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm, at EAA 690 Hangar at:  
Briscoe Field - Sports Aviation Complex  
Hangar 1, 690 Airport Road  
Lawrenceville, GA 30045*
- Crew 73 is a youth-run organization, which means that our Crew President and other youth plan the Crew's outings and activities each month.

*We enjoy:*

- ◊ *Camping*
- ◊ *Hiking*
- ◊ *Horseback Riding*
- ◊ *Shooting Sports*

- Crew activities usually mix high adventure and the use of Amateur Radio.
- For more information, attend our next meeting or contact:

**Steve Back, WB2OGY**

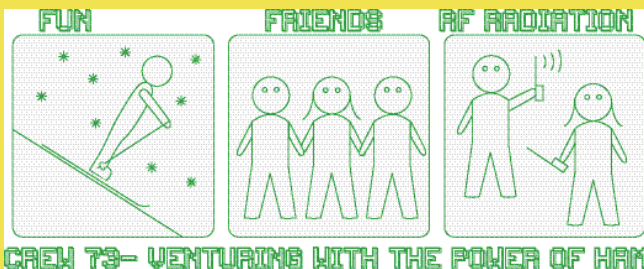
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## EXTRA! EXTRA!

### NOVEMBER MEETING

## The MASSIVE Home-Brew Show and Tell!

### Repeater Status

147.075 operational in Snellville  
147.255 operation in Snellville  
444.525 operational in Snellville  
Link remote receivers being added  
442.100 operational at Goshen Springs  
145.590 operational at Bogan Road  
6M currently down



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### GARS Recurring Calendar

- ◆ Monthly club meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7 pm
- ◆ Every Monday at 7:30 pm: GARS Want, Swap, Sell, and Information Net + 8:30 pm: ARES Training on the GARS 147.075 MHz repeater
- ◆ Every Wednesday at 8:30 pm: GARS Know It All Net on the GARS 147.075 MHz repeater
- ◆ Every Saturday at 7:30 am: GARS Weekly Breakfast, Golden Corral Restaurant, Riverside Drive, Lawrenceville
- ◆ Second Sunday at 2:00 pm: GARS Ham Exam Session, Fire Station #24 2735 Mall of Georgia Blvd Buford, GA 30519

## SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Rick, N4XYY, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

First time visitors were welcomed and roundtable introductions were made. Ticket upgrades were recognized: Attendance: 62

### General Business

Sid, N4NQ, gave the treasure's report. Voting took place and the treasure's report was approved

Karen, K14HPP, gave the membership report: GARS has 277 members.

*NOTE: Rick reminded us that our designation as a "Special Service Club" requires that 50% of membership also be an ARRL member (GARS receives a portion of the sign-up and renewal fee. see Sid, N4NQ for details)*

Nick, N0NCQ, Program Manager announced that September program will be Bob Allphin, K4UEE talking about his latest DX-pedition

### Future Programs

**November 8th** - GARS MASSIVE Home Brew Show and Tell

**December 13<sup>th</sup>** - NO MEETING

**December-** Christmas Party - when and where: TBD

### Event Recaps & General Updates

- Huntsville Hamfest – always a great hamfest, GARS had a large contingent present
- Cherokee Rose Dog Show – another successful fundraiser, with fun had by all
- VHF/UHF Contest – great turn-out, even though the bands didn't want to cooperate

### Net Schedule

- GARS Want, Swap, Sell and Information, Monday's @ 7:30pm
- ARES Training , Monday's @ 8:30pm
- Know-it-All, hosted by Jeff, AB4HF, Wednesday's @ 8:30pm

### Program

Rick, N4XYY and Nick, N0NCQ presented Bob Allphin, N4UEE with a certificate of appreciation for sharing stories about his latest DXpedition

### Upcoming Events (*for additional details go to [www.GARS.org](http://www.GARS.org)*)

NPOTA – 9/17 (*Rain Date 10/22*)  
Maker Faire – 10/1 – 2  
Jamboree On the Air (JOTA) – 10/15  
Technician HamCram – 10/15  
Stone Mountain Hamfest – 11/5-6  
HamJam – 11/19

Meeting concluded around 9:00pm

*Nick*, AB4CQ, Secretary



## EXTRA! EXTRA!

### GARS Calendar of Events for 2016 / 2017

- GARS Breakfast - Every Saturday morning
- GARS Ham Exam Session - 2nd Sunday every month
- TechFest January 14 (2017)
- Winter Field Day January 28 & 29 (2017)
- Georgia QSO Party April 9 & 10
- North metro area Fox Hunt April
- May Madness May 6 - 15
- Satellites in the Park May 21
- Memorial Day Parade May 30
- ARC/KARC Hamfest 1st Saturday of June
- Field Day June 25 & 26
- W4GR Spcl Event - 40th Anniv. Summer-TBA
- Maker Faire October 1 & 2
- Sept VHF/UHF Contest September 10
- Stone Mt. Hamfest November 5 & 6
- JOTA - 3rd Weekend of ... October 15
- HamCram October 15

### Sarratt and Tiritilli Declared Elected in ARRL Southeastern Division

10/06/2016

Greg Sarratt, W4OZK, has been declared elected as Director of the ARRL Southeastern Division, to take office at noon Eastern Time on January 1, 2017. Joe Tiritilli, N4ZUW, is also declared elected as Vice Director in the Southeastern Division. He has been appointed by ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, to fill the vacant Southeastern Vice Director chair, effective immediately.

Source: <http://www.arrl.org/news/view/sarratt-and-tiritilli-declared-elected-in-arrl-southeastern-division>

### GARS CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 7:30 - 9:30 am Breakfast  Maker Faire
2  Maker Faire	3  7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net	4	5  8:30 - 9:30 pm GARS Know-It-All Net	6	7	8  7:30 - 9:30 am Breakfast at Golden Corral Riverside Drive
9  <b>GARS VE Team Testing Session 1:45 to 4:00pm Gwinnett Co. Fire Station #5</b>	10  7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net	11  <b>5:00 - 6:30 PM Dinner at Flying Machine 7:00 - 9:00pm GARS Meeting</b>	12  8:30 - 9:30 pm GARS Know-It-All Net	13	14	15  Breakfast 9 AM - 3:30 PM JOTA 8 AM - 5 PM HamCram
16	17  7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net	18	19  8:30 - 9:30 pm GARS Know-It-All Net	20	21	22  7:30 - 9:30 am Breakfast at Golden Corral Riverside Drive
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30	31  7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net					

## Metro Testing Sessions

*GARS publishes Metro Atlanta VE exam schedules as a service and is not responsible for errors or changes. Call and confirm schedules before going. All sessions are walk-in. Take copies of current license and certificate of completed elements with you to all sessions. Find additional sessions online at <http://www.arrl-ga.org>.*

### First Sunday, ODD Months

2 pm (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov)  
VEC: WCARS  
Braselton Public Utility Building  
4986 Highway 53, Braselton, GA  
Roger Gibson, WB4T  
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### First Sunday, EVEN Months

2 pm (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)  
VEC: WCARS  
Hall County EOC  
470 Crescent Dr. Gainesville, Ga.  
Perry Roper, KO4RD  
(770) 536-3056

### Second Saturday

10:00 AM  
Alpharetta North Park, Adult Activities Center  
13450 Cogburn Rd, Alpharetta, GA 30004  
Ian Kahn, KM4IK  
E-mail: [km4ik.ian@gmail.com](mailto:km4ik.ian@gmail.com)

### Second Saturday, ODD Months

VEC: ARRL  
8:30 a.m.  
GMC Community Ctr  
5325 Leon St.  
Stone Mountain, GA  
Frank Haynes, KV4SP  
(678) 467-3712

### Second Sunday

VEC: W5YI  
2 pm  
Fire Station #24  
Mall of Georgia Boulevard  
Buford, GA 30519  
Contact: Dave Bruse, W4DTR  
E-mail: [exams@gars.org](mailto:exams@gars.org)

### Third Saturday

VEC: W5YI  
2 pm @ Barrow Co. Emerg. Serv. Bldg  
66 McElroy Street  
Winder, GA 30680  
Steve Donellan, N5SMD  
(404) 520-0368  
E-mail: [n5smd@comcast.net](mailto:n5smd@comcast.net)

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## Ham Exam Results

We had another good test session today, September 11. Eight applicants tested and all eight passed exams as follows:

- Five new Technician class
- Three upgraded to General class.

Many thanks to these VE's who made the exam possible:

Karen Whited, AB4NW  
Larry Whited, AB4NX  
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Dave Bruse, W4DTR (CVE)  
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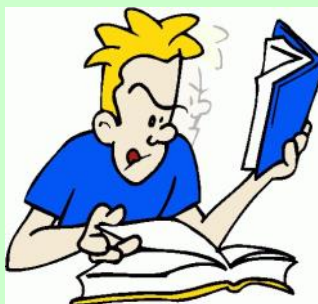
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### Fourth Tuesday

ARRL VEC  
7 pm @ United Way Service Center  
6279 Fairburn Rd., Douglasville  
Jessie Clower, KB4WFK  
(770) 942-6466

### Fourth Sunday

2:30 pm Georgia Tech  
VanLeer Elec. Building  
Rm. W218, 777 Atlantic Dr.  
For more information go to  
[www.w4aql.com](http://www.w4aql.com) and click on "Test Sessions"

## Metro Club Meetings

### First Tuesday

Kennehoochee ARC  
Downtown Marietta  
Fire Station #1, Training Room  
112 Haynes Street  
Marietta, Georgia 30060  
Meeting begins at 7:00pm  
Talk In 146.880(-)

### First Thursday

Atlanta Radio Club  
Georgia Red Cross HQ  
1955 Monroe Dr., Atlanta  
Meeting is at 7:30pm  
Talk In -146.820(-)

N.E. Georgia ARC  
Commerce Public Library  
1344 South Broad Street, Commerce  
Meeting is at 6:30pm  
Talk In - 147.225(+), PL 123.0

### Second Monday

Georgia Tech ARC  
Room W218  
Van Leer Electrical Engineering Bldg.  
Georgia Tech Campus  
Meeting at 7:00pm

### Second Thursday

Alford Memorial Radio Club  
Annistown Road Baptist Church  
Annistown Rd & Spain Rd  
Stone Mountain  
Dinner at 6:00pm, Meeting at 7:30pm  
Talk In - 146.760(-)

### Second Saturday

North GA QRP Club  
Board Room of The Shepherd Center  
2020 Peachtree Rd, NW, Atlanta  
at 10:00 AM

### Third Tuesday

North Fulton Amateur Radio League  
Alpharetta Recreation & Parks Dept  
Alpharetta Adult Activity Center  
13450 Cogburn Road  
Alpharetta, GA 30004  
meeting at 7:30pm  
Talk In - 145.47(-)

For more information, go to: <http://www.gars.org/>



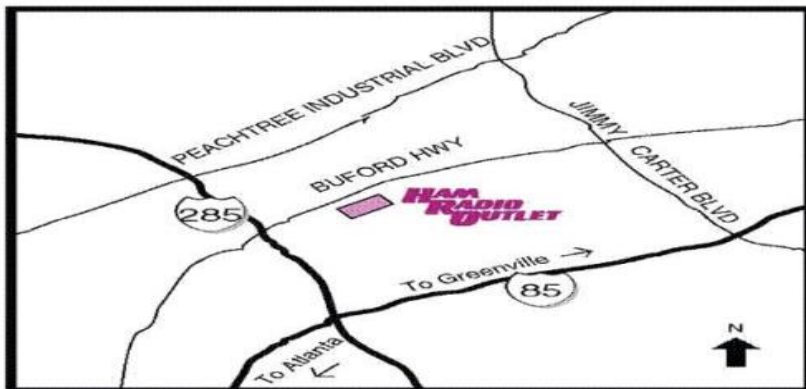
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